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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for the first time, or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

*Summer, Nationwide

The Student Mobe held a national emergency conference at Cleveland the third weekend in June. By a vote of two to one the Student Mobe decided on the following summer-fall action by the Student Mobe: a summer of intensive effort to mobilize labor unions for the antiwar movement; support of antiwar Congressional candidates and local peace referenda; national demonstrations during the period of 6-9 August (the 25th anniversary of the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima and Nagasaki) to protest renewal of the United States-Japan security treaty; support of a Mexican-American demonstration in Los Angeles on 29 August; and nationally coordinated demonstrations in major cities throughout the country on 31 October to protest the Indo-China war and to support peace candidates in the November election.

*Summer, Washington, D.C.

The Trotskyite Socialist Workers' Party has announced a schedule for a socialist summer school which will meet at the George Washington University Student Center throughout the summer. Lectures cost \$.50 cach or \$7 for the entire series. The topics that will be treated during the summer are: Building the Revolutionary Party, The Coming American Revolution (lecture by Fred Halstead, the 1968 SWP candidate), The Struggle for Black Self-Determination: Past and Present, Women's Liberation and Socialism, and Stalinism Vs., Bolshevism.

*Summer, Washington, D.C.

The New Mobe and the SCLC concluded their Milwaukee meeting as scheduled on 27 June. Most of the presently prominent antiwar,

anti-establishment leftist organizations except the SWP and its affiliates had a piece of the Milwaukee action. Included at the conference aside from the New Mobe and the SCLC were representatives from the National Welfare Rights Organization, the National Student Association, Women's Liberation, the Union for National Draft Opposition, the Chicano Moratorium, Women's Strike for Peace, and a number of other local and national radical groups. Missing from Milwaukee were the Black Panthers (who were originally scheduled to participate) and the SDS who generally believe that the war is a planned part of American foreign policy.

Out of this Milwaukee strategy action conference a three part plan has tentatively evolved. The first part calls for the formation of radical collectives on a local and national level which will attempt to draw together all disenchanted people into activist groups. These collectives will then attack a variety of issues such as war and racism. The second part of the New Mobe strategy calls for a series of "long marches" on Washington. It is tentatively planned that these marches will proceed for weeks and will originate at such symbolic places as Kent, Ohio, and Jackson, Mississippi. Once in Washington, the participants in these marches would engage in militant civil disobedience, such as blocking streets and sealing off Government buildings to create a crisis aimed at forcing the Government to end the war. This plan was opposed by some of the women's groups and other radicals who argued that if martial law was imposed in Washington the black population would suffer most.

Professor Douglas Dowd of Cornell, an involved radical, called for several alternatives to the Washington marches. Dowd prefers demonstrations of a more disruptive nature and the deliberate blocking of all modes of transportation as well as other actions aimed at creating as much upheaval and disruption as possible. The disruptive phases of the long marches that are yet to be agreed upon constitute the third phase of strategy action. Phase three may well last as long as a week and is principally aimed at civil disobedience intended to disrupt the war machine.

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A number of the usual hands were present at Milwaukee, including radical leader Arthur Waskow of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, David Dellinger (long-time radical activist), and Rennie Davis who, according to press accounts, seemed to be the principal spokesman for the Milwaukee conference.

*Summer, Urban Areas

James Farmer, the assistant secretary of HEW, has warned of possible violence in the major cities this summer. Farmer warned that the administration is sitting on a powder keg. He believes that there is an absence of hope in the black community and that the blacks started out mistrusting the President and nothing has happened to change that. Farmer, who acknowledged that he has considered resigning, was critical of the administration's so-called southern strategy and also attacked the White House reception afforded the "hard-hat" construction workers. Farmer stated that "when the hard hats beat on kids they think they are beating on blacks, and the blacks know this too."

July, Military Bases

A conference of representatives from 25 military bases met at Atlanta, Georgia, 29-31 May. Forty individuals participated. A national GI Alliance was formed which will be staffed by members of the New Mobe and which will be headquartered at Washington, D.C. The group plans a summer offensive during July. Each local group will decide on its own activities at military bases. Suggested activities include the cancelling of savings bond allotments, the making of allotments to such individuals as Fidel Castro, making the BPP the beneficiary of military insurance policies, and a boycott of mess halls.

*3-5 July, Macon, Georgia

The second annual Atlanta international pop festival will be staged 90 miles from Atlanta at the Middle Georgia Raceway on the above dates. Publicity for this Woodstock-type attraction has been carried in Atlanta's Great Speckled Bird, and other underground newspapers. A number of pop performers have been signed for the event along with at least one well-known entertainer, Negro blues singer B. B. King. Sunday, 5 July, will include various religious speakers for those attending who are so inclined. This will include a number of Yogies, Swamies, and "some straight religious dudes" as well. The inclusion of a religious portion has not been a part of previous music festivals.

The state of Georgia (Lester Maddox) and the city of Atlanta (the mayor and city council) have been hostile toward the hippie and



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pot-smoking set. Several weeks ago the Atlanta City Fathers laid down the law to the band of hippies that had migrated into Atlanta who were disturbing the orderliness of the city. It can be expected that Georgia police authorities will conduct a close surveillance of festival activities and may well fill the Macon, Georgia, jailhouse. Although the three-day festival seems expensive (\$14 for the whole three days including camping privileges) the weekend festivities will probably attract upwards from 20,000 people. Mayor Sam Massell of Atlanta has recently tried to run an advertisement in 12 national underground newspapers. The article states in part "Unless you have bread and a pad, please find your thing somewhere else--or face a bad scene." It is Mayor Massell's intention that hippies not congregate in Atlanta this summer. The Great Speckled Bird, however, has refused the ad and will encourage other underground papers not to run the ad either or else to publish a statement from hippie leaders beside

*4 July, Nationwide

The New Mobe has reportedly planned a worldwide GI sick call on this date. No additional details are known.

*4 July, Washington, D.C.

The Bob Hope-Billy Graham sponsored "Honor America Day" celebration will be staged at the Washington Monument. Over 400,000 people are expected to participate. For details see Special Information Report, dated 2 July 1970.

*4-12 July, Hume Lake, California

The Gay Liberation Front is sponsoring a camp-in at Hume Lake' (near Sequoia National Park). The schedule for the event calls for speeches and sexual entertainment. Full (186) 16 feet 10

3-5 July, Toronto, Canada

A peace festival is being staged at Mosport auto race track at Toronto and as a main attraction will feature the Beatles. John Lennon and his Yoko will perform on the "largest bed in history" (a wall-to-wall mattressed stage). The event, advertised as a "monster peace festival," will try to book other solid "rock" performers (such as Elvis Pfesley) and may shape up like another Woodstock.





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*4-5 July, Baltimore, Maryland 6-9 July, Edgewood Arsenal and Ft. Detrick

+9-18 July, New York

As part of the United Nations' 25th anniversary a World Youth Assembly will take place. The assembly is scheduled to bring hundreds of young people together to talk about war and peace, politics and poverty, or anything they choose. Among the American participants are five college students, all from the West Coast and one Black Panther who is one of the 21 Panthers who has been indicted in New York in April and accused of plotting to kill policemen, dynamite department stores and set fire to police stations.

All participants in the assembly will have equal speaking and voting status and will not wear name tags identifying their country. Most meetings will be held behind closed doors with the aim of encouraging a more free exchange.

#31 July-2 August, Middlefield, Connecticut

A rock music festival has been scheduled at the Powder Ridge Ski Area near Middlefield on the above dates. Twenty-five rock groups have allegedly been signed to perform, including several big names such as Janis Joplin. Tickets are on sale at New York for \$20 each (for the entire three days) and the festival publicity director expects 50,000 to be in attendance. The promoter of the Powder Ridge festival is Joseph Middleton of Atlanta who may also be promoting the Georgia festival scheduled in early July.

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